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SUBJECT: 60-DAY TEACHER CANDIDATES, FY 76

REF: COMMISSION MEMORANDUM OCT. 14

1. DEPARTMENT AND USOE ARE GREATLY CONCERNED RE ENGLISH ABILITY OF THESE CANDIDATES. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT 60-DAY TRAVEL PROGRAMS, THEY MUST HAVE GOOD ABILITY TO SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND ENGLISH AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE THIS ABILITY AS THE ONLY COMMENT ON ENGLISH IS EACH CANDIDATES'S OWN EVALUATION WHICH CANNOT BE RELIED UPON. MARIA MATUSEIN DE MAURICIO RATES HER ENGLISH GOOD BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF HOW LONG OR WHERE SHE HAS STUDIED IT, AND THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN THE APPLICATION ARE SO BRIEF AS TO

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GIVE PRACTICALLY NO EVIDENCE OF WHETHER SHE REALLY KNOWS ANY ENGLISH OR NOT. MARIA MENDIAZ INDICATES THREE YEARS OF FORMAL ENGLISH STUDY (SOME AT LEAST THROUGH A CORRESPONDENCE

SCHOOL) AND TWO YEARS WITH A PRIVATE TEACHER. HER DESCRIPTION OF HER PROPOSED PROGRAM IS NOT WELL WRITTEN; HER CURRICULUM VITAE IS MUCH BETTER. BUT AGAIN NO EVIDENCE SHE CAN SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND ENGLISH. THE APPLICATION OF ALBAGLESIAS SHOWS ONE YEAR OF ENGLISH STUDY AT ICANA AND THE NARRATIVE PART OF HER APPLICATION IS NOT WELL WRITTEN.

2. ANOTHER FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED IS THAT THESE CANDIDATES ARE ALL IN SUCH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF EDUCATION (RURAL, SCHOOL ORGANIZATION, HEALTH EDUCATION AT HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL) THAT EVEN IF ONE HAD FLUENT ENGLISH IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO TRAVEL TOGETHER BECAUSE THEIR INTERESTS ARE SO DIFFERENT.

3. ENGLISH IS A MATTER OF PARTICULAR CONCERN BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION WHICH AROSE WITH FY 75 TEACHER MRS. MORAN. SHE COULD NOT SPEAK ENGLISH WELL ENOUGH TO CARRY OUT HER TRIP ON HER OWN AND HAD TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON, WHERE HER PROGRAM WAS ENTIRELY REARRANGED SO SHE COULD TRAVEL WITH THE OTHER TEACHER GRANTEE MR. FINOCCHIARO WHO HAD GOOD ENGLISH. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IS NOT VERY SATISFACTORY AS IT PUTS AN UNDUE BURDEN ON THE GRANTEE WHO KNOWS ENGLISH.

4. BEFORE GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THESE CANDIDATES, WE REQUEST THAT ALIGU ENGLISH EXAMS BE ADMINISTERED AND THE RESULTS FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT. IF THE SCORES ARE TOO LOW, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO FIND OTHER CANDIDATES WITH WORKABLE ENGLISH. KISSINGER

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